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Mr. V. GANGADHARA SIVA :—" Will the Government consider any proposal for giving free education for Adi-Dravidas in secondary schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The question of giving free education in secondary schools is, as I have often said, a matter of finance, and in the present state of our finance, the task will be almost superhuman."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know, in view of the very liberal grant which the Government are proposing to give to the Sir Annamalai University, whether it is really impracticable to remit fees for Adi-Dravida students who attend secondary schools ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is argumentative."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know whether the Government will at least consider the necessity of remitting fees for the Adi-Dravida pupils ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Government are giving through the Labour department as much facility as could be given at present for the higher education of Adi-Dravida pupils."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" Will they not make it a rule that Adi-Dravida pupils may be admitted free of any fees in all the schools ? "

The hon. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said before, Sir, that will be an impossible task."

Introduction of agriculture in the training course for secondary-grade teachers.

* 85 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to consider the proposal of certain agencies to introduce agricultural training in the training course provided for the teachers of the secondary grade ?

A.—The Government do not consider that the introduction of agricultural training in all secondary training schools is either necessary or practicable.

Local Boards

Construction of the Srisailam road.

86 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the correspondence between the Government and the President, District Board, Kurnool, regarding the Srisailam road has reached such a stage as to allow the project to be taken up ;

(b) if so, whether he will be pleased to state when the construction of the road is expected to begin ; and

(c) if not, whether he will kindly state what has so far taken place ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) The proposal is still under correspondence.